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Following are excerpts from press briefing June 23:
Q. Two weeks ago, I understand, Amb. Dobrynin Under Secretary Irwin that there would be real pro-Americans in Moscow if Meir Kahane were allowed to come, or to begin, the demonstrations that he has planned. Since those demonstrations are scheduled to begin this afternoon, (1), has there been any further contact with the Soviets; and, (2), have you alerted the American Embassy in Moscow to take any precautions?

A. I don't know whether the subject has been discussed subsequent to Amb. Dobrynin's conversations with the Acting Secretary. I would have to look in to that.

I think you can assume that the substance of that initial conversation was reported fully to our Embassy in Moscow.

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Q. Was it a warning that was passed on by the Amb?

A. Let me go ON BACKGROUND here.

One of the purposes of his visit was to register his unease with the prospect that there would be demonstrations--as had been promised--and to seek our assistance in protecting the buildings and personnel of the Soviet Missions in Washington and New York.

The Acting Secretary responded that we would do what we physically could to assure that protection and expressed the hope that the welfare and safety of Americans in Moscow would not be called into question--in the event that our protective measures were not fully satisfactory to the task here through no fault of our own.

Q. But did the Russian Amb. leave either a warning or a strong implication that if he considered the measures taken by this Govt. inadequate it would affect the safety of Americans in Moscow?

A. No, I don't believe he was quite that specific.

Q. Did the Russian Amb. use the phrase that 'There

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would be real problems'--in Moscow?

A. My recollection of the written report of that meeting that I saw is that he did not use that phraseology but I have only seen a written report of the conversation.

Q. But worse, in essence, did he make any hints that there will be trouble in Moscow--whatever words he used?

A. I am a little bit at the mercy of a written account of the meeting and my own memory, but my recollection of this is that it was only an indirect allusion--this still ON BACKGROUND.

I want to protect myself and those involved by re-emphasizing that I am at the mercy of my memory and of a written account of the meeting.

Q. What was Irwin responding to when you said he said that he hoped that the welfare of ~~AMERICAN~~ Americans in Moscow would not be called into question?

A. ON BACKGROUND, we find that incidents directed against the property and personnel of Soviet Missions in this country are quite frequently followed by similar incidents in Moscow. END.

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